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25X1 1. [] (GLC) Talked with Fred Mesmer, Senate
25X1 Immigration Subcommittee staff, and Sen Mandel, Senate Internal
Security Subcommittee staff, on the best way of having a private bill
introduced for [] who testified on
several occasions before the Internal Security Subcommittee. Mesmer
said he saw no reason why such a bill would not go through the Senate
Subcommittee, however, as a matter of approach he suggested that
the initiative come from the Internal Security Subcommittee. (Senator
Eastland is Chairman of the Immigration Subcommittee and the Internal
Security Subcommittee as well as being Chairman of the full Judiciary
Committee.) Mandel said he was certain that Senator Eastland would
introduce the bill but suggested that if possible a letter from a prominent
25X1 individual who knows [] be addressed to the Chairman. He felt this
would be a good vehicle for getting action started. This will be discussed
further internally.

I also chatted with Mesmer about the RFE naturalization problem
pointing out our feeling that general legislation was not feasible and was
subject to attack on constitutional grounds. However, we see no objection
to the admission of a reasonable number of individual private bills each
year for those individuals who had been admitted for permanent residence
but were working for RFE abroad. Mesmer agreed completely with our
position on this. He added that Chairman Eastland was steadfastly
opposed to any general amendment of this sort feeling that it would open
the door for other Senators to submit additional amendments which would
destroy much of the force and effect of the Immigration and Naturalization
Act.

I also talked with Mesmer regarding the [] case. 25X1
I alerted Mesmer (as I had the House Subcommittee) to the fact that we 25X1
were double checking information [] in connection
with this bill which is now pending on the House calendar. Mesmer was
completely unconcerned as far as the Subcommittee was concerned about
the possibility of this bill being killed. He added that it was not unusual
for additional information to be received after one house had passed on a
private bill and before another one took final action.

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